Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant First Class David J. Kuyper's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Kuyper devoted more than 25 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a member of the US Navy and as a Production Recruiter, MEPS Guidance Counselor and Automation NCO within the South Dakota Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Kuyper continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class David J. Kuyper for more than 25 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2006, as

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DAVID J. KUYPER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State